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Englewood Flyover work to require Dan Ryan lane shifts, ramp closures

CHICAGO (April 10, 2015) – Metra and IDOT announced today that ongoing construction of Metra's Englewood Flyover bridge will require lane shifts on the Dan Ryan Expressway express lanes between 63rd and 71st streets and ramp lane closures between the Dan Ryan and Skyway starting April 13 until early September.

The flyover is a new rail bridge over the Dan Ryan and over a set of Norfolk Southern freight tracks that opened last fall and has eliminated conflicts between Metra trains on the Rock Island Line and freight and Amtrak trains on the NS tracks.

This year's phase involves tearing down the old railroad bridge and widening the new bridge with a new bay to provide for future expansion on the Rock Island Line. The highway changes are needed as Metra's contractor removes the old concrete bridge piers and constructs new concrete piers for the new bay.

In order for the work to be done, the following expressway traffic changes will be implemented:

- Overnight Monday, April 13, the left ramp lane to the Skyway from the outbound locals at 65th St will be closed. The right ramp lane will remain open.
- Overnight Wednesday, April 15, the ramp lane from the Skyway to the inbound express lanes at 65th St will be closed. The ramp lane to the inbound locals will remain open.
- Also overnight Wednesday, April 15, lanes will be shifted and narrowed on the outbound and inbound express lanes between 63rd Street and 71st Street.

There may be additional temporary lane closures in the overnight hours as the expressway traffic changes are implemented. The changes will last until early September.

The flyover bridge is part of the federally funded CREATE program, an initiative to ease rail congestion in the Chicago region through the construction of new rail-to-rail and rail-to-highway grade separations.

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